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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE PRETENDER MARIA PIA DE BRAGANZA ASKS US
SUPPORT

SUMMARY: THE DUCHESS MARIA PIA OF BRAGANZA, DAUGHTER OF DON
CARLOS I CALLED UPON CONSUL GENERAL AUGUST 30 TO ASK US
SUPPORT FOR HER TITLE TO PROPERTIES IN PORTUGAL AND FOR
SELECTION OF ONE OF HER DESCENDENTS FOR RESTORATION OF
MONARCHY IN PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DUCHESS OF BRAGANZA, A VIGOROUS AND DETERMINED
WOMAN OF 70 YEARS OF AGE, CALLED ON CONSUL GENERAL TO
OUTLINE HER CLAIM TO VARIOUS PROPERTIES OF THE ROYAL
HOUSE OF PORTUGAL AND TO ASK US SUPPORT FOR SELECTION
OF ONE OF HER FAMILY TO RESTORATION.

2. THE DUCHESS EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD MAINTAINED
CONTACT AND PLEADED HER CASE OVER THE YEARS WITH
MCBRIDE AND LANDAU, AMONG OTHERS. SHE CLAIMED THAT THE
DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING FOR RESTORATION OF MONARCHY IN
PORTUGAL AND EXPLAINED WHY SELECTION OF THE DUARTE
BRANCH WOULD BE CONTRARY TO US INTERESTS AND WHY
SELECTION OF HER BRANCH OF THE FAMILY WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS.
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SHE INSISTED THAT US CAN DETERMINE WHETHER MONARCHY
WILL BE RESTORED AND WHICH LINE WILL BE CHOSEN. THE
DUCHESS NOW LIVES IN VERONA WITH A DAUGHTER, MARIA,
MARRIED TO SCULPTOR MIGUEL BERROCAL.

3. CONGEN ASSURED THAT HE WOULD REPORT HER VIEWS TO THE
DEPARTMENT BUT CAUTIONED THAT IN VIEW OF LONG HISTORY

OF HER PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH US OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE
ABOUT AND RESPONSIBLE FOR US RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL
SHE SHOULD NOT ANTICIPATE ANY CHANGE AS RESULT OF HER
VISIT TO CONSULATE IN MILAN. ASSURANCES THAT USG
NEITHER ABLE NOR LIKELY TRY TO RESTORE MONARCHY, DID
NOT DETER DUCHESS WHO SAID SHE WAS OLD BUT NOT ANTIQUE.
SHE WAS NOT CLAIMING THRONE FOR HERSELF. BUT SHE WAS
NOT ABOUT TO ABANDON HER CLAIM TO FAMILY PROPERTY NOR
TO PRIMACY OF HER LINE IN SUCCESSION TO THRONE.FINA

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